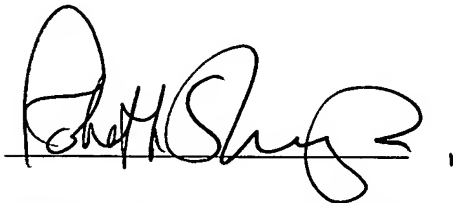


**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claim 8 remains in this application. Claims 1-7 and 9-16 have been withdrawn.

The examiner has acknowledged that claim 8 is directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 8 is re-written as an independent claim per examiner's recommendation.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Shuler, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

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